

Peekskill City School District
1031 Elm Street
Peekskill, New York

BUSINESS MEETING/WORK SESSION
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 1, 2022

Board of Education

Mrs. Jillian Villon, President
Mrs. Branwen MacDonald, Vice President
Mrs. Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Mr. Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Mr. Samuel North
Mrs. Maria Pereira
Mr. Michael Simpkins

Student Representative

Central Office

Dr. David Mauricio, Superintendent
Ms. Robin Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Mr. Jamal Lewis, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Daniel Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education
Mrs. Rebecca Aviles-Rodriguez, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education
Ms. Debra McLeod, District Clerk (Virtual)

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Villon at 6:06 p.m. in Peekskill High School room 222.
 - A. Recording of Attendance
Pamela Hallman-Johnson arrived late.
2. Proposed Executive Session Subject to Board Approval.
 - A. Open Meeting
 - (Note: The Board will enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular contractor(s) and employment history of particular person(s) for the following positions: Substitute Teacher; CPSE Specialist; and Stipend Positions. The Board will (or may) take action after the executive session. The public part of the meeting will open at approximately 7:00 p.m.)
 - B. Adjourn to Executive Session
Motion to Adjourn Meeting in order to enter to Executive Session

Motion: Maria Pereira
Yes: Allen Jenkins, Jr.

Second: Branwen MacDonald
No: _____ Abstained: _____

Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

C. Adjourn Executive Session 7:09 p.m.
Motion to Re-Open Meeting

Motion: Branwen MacDonald.
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Maria Pereira
No: _____ Abstained:_____

3. Resume Public Meeting

A. Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was reconvened in the Peekskill High School Auditorium at 7:15 p.m.

4. Superintendent/Board President Report

A. Superintendent's Report

The Robotics team introduced themselves to the Board and demonstrated their robot.

- [Peekskill Pride](#)
- [February Highlights and March Recognitions](#)

5. Hearing of Citizens

A. Public Participation at Board Meetings

There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

6. Superintendent's Report Continued

A. Superintendent's Report Continued

- [Oaksides Presentation](#) – Crystal Hernandez

7. Consent Agenda

A. Personnel Agenda

Certificated

I. Resignation:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name:	LaJuan White
Position:	Middle School Principal
Action:	Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
Effective:	April 15, 2022 (Last day of work 4/15/2022)

II. Retirement:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Maryann Cupo
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)
2. Name: Doris Cagiao
Position: Mathematics Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)
3. Name: Alexis Betancourt-Vazquez
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)
4. Name: Jonathan Sicherman
Position: ENL Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)
5. Name: Timothy Turner
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)
6. Name: Janice Briganti
Position: Special Education Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)
7. Name: Andrea Moffett
Position: Music Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)
8. Name: Janet O'Donovan
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)
9. Name: Kelly Kadin
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)

10. Name: Laura Santarelli
Position: Health Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: July 1, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)

11. Name: Eileen Alvarez
Position: Elementary Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 29, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)

12. Name: Yvette Bivians
Position: Speech & Language Teacher
Action: Retirement from the Peekskill City School District
Effective: June 30, 2022 (Last Day Worked 6/24/2022)

III. Leave of Absence:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty non-paid leave of absence(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

IV. Appointment:

A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following faculty appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Justina Okogun
Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
Certification: Not certified / BA
Effective Start Date: March 2, 2022
Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
Salary: \$120 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)

2. Name: Romelle Smith
Position: CPSE Specialist
Certification: Special Education, Permanent
Effective Start Date: March 2, 2022
Effective End Date: June 30, 2022
Salary: \$46.12 per hour as worked, without benefits

3. Name: Megan Torres
Position: CPSE Specialist
Certification: Students with Disabilities (Grades 1-6), Professional
Effective Start Date: March 2, 2022
Effective End Date: June 30, 2022

Salary: \$46.12 per hour as worked, without benefits

4. Name: Sonia Garber
 Position: Per Diem Substitute Teacher
 Certification: N/A - BA
 Effective Start Date: March 2, 2022
 Effective End Date: June 24, 2022
 Salary: \$155 per day as worked, without benefits (Not to exceed four (4) days per week or twenty-eight (28) hours per week)

	Employee:	Position/Program:	Effective Dates:	Stipend:
5.	Kevin Larsen	A cappella Group (MS)	2021-2022	\$1,676
6.	Kevin Larsen	City Singers Director	2021-2022	\$1,676
7.	Kevin Larsen	Tri M Music Honor Society Advisor	2021-2022	\$1,676
8.	Yolanda Guardino	Drama Assistant Director	Spring 2022	\$3,353
9.	Cathleen Hannigan	National Honor Society English Advisor (shared)	2021-2022	\$838
10.	Ellen Jones	National Honor Society English Advisor (shared)	2021-2022	\$838
11.	Tyrone Searight	Varsity Flag Football Head Coach	Spring 2022	\$6,191
12.	Charles Fardales	Varsity Flag Football Assistant Coach	Spring 2022	\$4,213
13.	Noel Cabassa	PHS Evening School Administrator	Spring 2022	\$6,750
14.	Sheree Gilchrest	PHS Evening School Counselor	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
15.	Todd Newby	PHS Evening School English 9/10 Teacher	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
16.	Christen McDonnell	PHS Evening School Global History I/II Teacher	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

17.	Zorielle Rodriguez-Alcazar	PHS Evening School Social Studies Teacher	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
18.	Jaclyn Lennane	PHS Evening Mathematics Elective Teacher	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
19.	Rachel Sabatini	PHS Evening School Special Education Teacher	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
20.	Maria Gordineer	PHS Evening School Teaching Assistant	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
21.	Michelle Rios	PHS Evening School College Counselor	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
22.	Patricia Vernon	PHS Evening School Physical Education Teacher	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
23.	Jessica Van Galen	PHS Evening School Substitute Teacher	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract
24.	Jaime Farez	PHS Evening School ENL Teacher	Spring 2022	Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) contract

V. Correction:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Jaime Farez
 Position: High School ENL Department Teacher Leader
 Effective Dates: August 30, 2021 - February 18, 2022
 Stipend: \$4,000 (Title I funding)
 Action: Correct effective dates

2. Name: Apryl Sniffen
 Position: PHS Evening School English Teacher
 Effective Dates: August 30, 2021 - February 17, 2022
 Stipend: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Faculty Association's (PFA) Contract
 Action: Correct effective dates

3. Name: Robert Anderson, Jr.
 Position: Elementary Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Childhood Education (Grades 1-6), Professional
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Effective Start Date: December 23, 2021
 Effective End Date: April 5, 2022
 Salary: \$308 per day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct effective end date

4. Name: Kiara Maldonado
 Position: Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher
 Certification: Physical Education, Initial
 Location: Peekskill Middle School
 Effective Start Date: November 29, 2021
 Effective End Date: May 12, 2022
 Salary: \$244 per day as worked, without benefits
 Action: Correct effective end date

Classified

- I. Resignation:
 - A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval:
 1. Name: Gabriella Cabassa
 Position: Classroom Teacher Aide
 Location: Woodside Elementary School
 Action: Resignation from the Peekskill City School District
 Effective: February 18, 2022 (Last day worked: 02/18/2022)

II. Retirement:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff retirement resignation(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

III. Leave of Absence:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff non-paid leave of absence(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

IV. Appointment:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Vernon Merriweather
Position: Security Aide
Program: PHS Evening School - Spring 2022
Location: Peekskill High School
Dates Effective: Spring 2022
Salary: Terms of employment are in accordance with the Peekskill Schools Security Aide Association (PSSAA).

V. Correction:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following staff correction(s) of appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval: N/A

Student Teachers, Volunteers, Interns:

I. Appointment:

- A. The Superintendent of Schools recommends the following appointment(s) to the Board of Education for approval:

1. Name: Alana Donabie
Request: Student Teacher
Location: Peekskill High School
Assigned to: Timothy Cavanagh
Institution: PNW BOCES
Effective Dates: Spring 2022

2. Name: Katherine Mormol
Request: Volunteer - WJCS
Location: Woodside & Oakside Elementary Schools
Assigned to: Ellen Gerace
Effective Dates: March 2, 2022 - June 30, 2022

Using an asterisk (*) at the end of the individual appointment resolutions with the following quoted language as a legend at the end of the personnel resolutions or as a legend below the consent agenda:

*For Volunteers- As per Volunteer Board Policy 4532 - the following volunteers are approved for 10 or less events for current school year

** The appointment resolutions for classroom teachers (or building principal) are conditioned upon meeting the requirement of the current tenure laws and pursuant to the provisions of Regents Rule§30-1.3. Accordingly, to be eligible for tenure consideration the probationer must have at least three years of effective or highly effective APPR ratings pursuant to §3012-c and/or §3012-d of the Education Law during the four-year period under review and may not receive an ineffective rating during the last year of probation.

*** For classroom teachers with prior tenure as a teacher (or administrators appointed after June 30, 2020) with prior tenure as a teacher or administrator in a New York public school district or BOCES, the probationary term will be three years if there is proof of prior tenure and an APPR rating during the final year of service in the previous school district or BOCES.

**** Classroom Teachers with two years of Jarema Act Credit in this school district shall serve a two-year probationary term if during the two years of Jarema Act service they received APPR ratings pursuant to §§3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law. Where the probationary term is shortened, to be eligible for tenure conferral, the probationer must have at least three effective and/or highly effective APPR ratings and the APPR rating in the final year of probation may not be an ineffective rating.

B. MOA - PFA Certain Stipend Positions

That the Board of Education approve the Side Letter Agreement made February 10, 2022 with Peekskill Faculty Association concerning new positions and stipends.

C. [Budget Transfers - February 2022](#)

That the Board of Education approves the February 2022 Budget Transfers.

D. Contract - 914Cares

That the Board of Education approve the contract with 914Cares and will provide a yearly grant not to exceed \$50.00.

E. Contract - DoorDash Program/Feeding Westchester

That the Board of Education approve the contract with DoorDash Program/Feeding Westchester commencing January 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022.

F. Overnight Field Trip - Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, NY

That the Board of Education approve the overnight field trip for 13 students from the Robotics Team to compete in a competition at Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica, NY March 5 - March 6, 2022.

G. Approving Consent Agenda

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves Consent Agenda items 7.A. - 7.F.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained:_____

8. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only
A. Guidelines to Speak to the Board of Education
There were no citizens wishing to be heard.

9. Executive Session
A. Executive Session
Motion to move to Executive Session

Motion: Michael Simpkins
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained:_____

- B. Adjourn Executive Session
Motion to move to Public Session

Motion: Samuel North
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson
Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
Samuel North
Maria Pereira
Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Second: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
No: _____ Abstained:_____

10. Adjournment

- A. Adjournment
There being no further business to come before the Board, President Villon asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Yes: Pamela Hallman-Johnson

Second: Samuel North
No: _____ Abstained:_____

Allen Jenkins, Jr.
Branwen MacDonald
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Michael Simpkins
Jillian Villon

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Debra McLeod
District Clerk